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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-23 (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) A firearm device comprising:

a firearm;

a safety means for impeding an unauthorized person to fire the firearm; and

an information storage means for recording and storing at least one aspect of a group consisting of an image in the direction in which a shot is fired, and a sound at about the time when a shot is fired, wherein the safety means comprises an information carrier and/or gathering means; and a processing means for processing information received from the information carrier and/or gathering means and allowing firing of the firearm to take place only if the information so received complies with ~~certain~~one or more requirements.

25. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 24, wherein the firearm comprises a conventional firearm and wherein the information storage means stores a unique code relating to each projectile fired.

26. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 24, wherein the firearm includes a laser system for generating a laser beam to ignite a charge to fire a projectile.

27. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 26, wherein the firearm includes an electronic system for controlling firing of the firearm.

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28. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 26, wherein the firearm includes a number of barrels and wherein the barrels are pre-loaded with projectiles and charges, which charges are ignitable by means of a laser beam.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 24, wherein the information carrier and/or gathering means includes an information carrier means whereupon information can be recorded.

31. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 30, wherein the carrier means comprises a card.

32. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 31, wherein the card has information recorded thereon in respect of physical information of the authorised user for identifying said user.

33. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 32, wherein the physical information comprises a fingerprint.

34. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 30, wherein the safety means includes reading means for reading information on the information carrier means.

35. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 24, wherein the information carrier and/or gathering means includes information gathering means for gathering certain physical information from the person to use the firearm, whereby said person can be identified.

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36. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 35, in which the information gathering means is located on an operatively rear surface of a grip member of the device.

37. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 35, wherein the gathering means comprises means for recording a fingerprint of the person to use the firearm.

38. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 37, in which the means for recording a fingerprint is located on an operatively rear side of a grip member of the device.

39. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 38, in which the gathering means is located on the device such that a fingerprint of a user of the device can be recorded when the device is located in a holster therefor.

40. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 24, wherein the information carrier and/or gathering means includes both an information carrier means and an information gathering means.

41. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 24, wherein the processing means includes a memory means for storing information therein and the processing means in use comparing information received from the information carrier and/or gathering means with information on the memory means and only allowing firing to take place if the information corresponds.

42. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 24, wherein the information storage means is connected to at least one device of a group consisting of a digital camera for recording images, a microphone for recording sound, a timepiece for recording time, and a GPS for recording position in the form of geographical co-ordinates; and the information storage means is arranged to store data from the said at least one device.

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43. (Presented Previously) The device of claim 42 which includes a digital camera and a timepiece.

44. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 43, wherein the digital camera is mounted to face along the barrel defined by the firearm, thereby allowing it to record an image in the direction in which a shot is fired.

45. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 43, wherein the timepiece comprises a real time clock.

46. (Previously Presented) A firearm device comprising:
a firearm; and

a safety means being characterized therein that it comprises an information carrier and gathering means defining an information carrier means separable from the firearm device whereon information can be recorded, and an information gathering means for gather information from the person to use the firearm; and the safety means further comprising processing means for processing information received from the information carrier and gathering means and allowing firing of the firearm to take place only if the information so received complies with certain requirements, and recording at least one aspect of a group consisting of an image in the direction in which a shot is fired, and a sound at about the time when a shot is fired.